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Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd and 36th meetings, on 10 October and 21 December. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.3 and 36).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2005 and programme of work for 2006;[1]

(b) Note by the President of the General Assembly on procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/60/659).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.20

4. At its 36th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/61/L.20), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ukraine.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.20, without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/61/34).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Joint Inspection Unit

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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004 and 60/258 of 8 May 2006,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities for 2005 and its programme of work for 2006,[1]

Noting the ongoing internal reform process of the Joint Inspection Unit aimed at further improving its effectiveness,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2005 and its programme of work for 2006;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts made by the Unit to improve the implementation of its reform process, as indicated in paragraphs 1 to 6 of its report;

3. *Reaffirms* paragraph 6 of its resolution 60/258, and requests the Unit to continue to submit an advance version of its programme of work to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed sessions;

4. *Welcomes* the increasing focus of the programme of work of the Unit on issues of systemwide relevance, and urges the Unit, as the only systemwide external oversight body, to continue to focus its work and reports, whenever possible, on issues of systemwide interest, value and relevance to the efficient and effective functioning of all organizations to which the Joint Inspection Unit provides services;

5. *Encourages* the Unit to increase its efforts to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the respective secretariats in achieving the legislative mandates and to ensure that the mission objectives established for the organizations are carried out in the most economical manner and that optimum use is made of resources available for carrying out those activities;

6. *Welcomes* the information presented in paragraphs 27 to 30 of the annual report, bearing in mind that the methodology is still at the early stage of implementation, and requests that future reports, to the extent possible, also include information on estimated savings, actual savings achieved, acceptance rate of recommendations and implementation status of each impact category, particularly regarding systemwide or multi-agency recommendations;

7. *Looks forward* to receiving an analysis of the eight categories of impact as described in paragraphs 29 to 31 of the report, as applied to the actual impact of its recommendations;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/61/34).

8. *Notes* the ongoing efforts of the Unit to improve its working methods, and invites the Unit to undergo external peer reviews as necessary.

II

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the President of the General Assembly on the procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit,[2]

Bearing in mind paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 59/267 and article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the note by the President of the General Assembly on the procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. *Confirms* the existing procedure for the appointment of the inspectors in accordance with article 3 of the statute of the Unit;[3]

3. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly, beginning from 1 January 2008, when drawing up a list of countries that will be requested to propose candidates, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute, will invite Member States to submit the names of the countries and their respective candidates simultaneously, on the understanding that the candidates submitted are the candidates that the respective Member States intend to propose, to the extent possible, for appointment by the General Assembly, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute;

4. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to submit to the Assembly, for consideration at its sixty-fourth session, a report on the effective application of the above-mentioned selection procedures in enhancing efficiency in implementing article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute.

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[2] A/60/659.

[3] Resolution 31/192, annex.